

Mr. Speaker, Elaine's efforts embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent her, and Iowans like her, in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Elaine for her achievements and wish her nothing but continued success.

EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO H.R.  
3504 AND H.R. 3134

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 25, 2015*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I want to register my deep concerns with a pair of bills, H.R. 3504 and H.R. 3134, that were considered by the House last week. Although I was unable to be present to vote against these measures due to a medical appointment related to my recovery from two recent hip surgeries, I remain steadfastly opposed to both bills.

I am a strong supporter of increasing access to family planning and women's healthcare services. H.R. 3134, passed in the House last week by a vote of 241–187, prohibits the federal government from funding Planned Parenthood health centers for one year. This legislation is nothing more than a punitive and intrusive attack on the essential and wide-ranging healthcare services that Planned Parenthood provides. If this bill was signed into law, it would cut off essential health services for millions of women, men, and families across the United States.

Planned Parenthood serves a total of 2.7 million patients per year. It is a central provider of equitable access to healthcare for both men and women of underserved communities across the United States. One in five American women will use Planned Parenthood services at some time during her life. In Washington State, more than 103,000 women and men—nearly 65 percent of whom are at or below the poverty line—use Planned Parenthood for their family planning and basic health needs. If this legislation succeeds, millions of Americans will be stripped of this access.

Anti-choice rhetoric and controversy has surrounded federal funding for Planned Parenthood because about three percent of the services they provide include abortion services. Current law already denies Medicaid coverage for these services by almost completely barring federal funding, except in very limited circumstances. Ninety percent of the services Planned Parenthood provides are preventative health services, including lifesaving cancer screenings, blood pressure checks, birth control, testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, and educational efforts to avoid unwanted pregnancies and prevent abortions. Failing to fund Planned Parenthood will greatly diminish access to these services for low income women, men, and families in need of affordable healthcare and preventative screenings.

H.R. 3504 was also passed in the House last week. This bill legislation attempts to advance the anti-choice, anti-health agenda by interfering with important and difficult medical judgments that should be left up to health professionals. If enacted into law, this bill would

apply scare tactics like onerous criminal penalties on doctors and clinicians. These penalties are punitive and will intimidate women away from seeking safe, legal, standardized, evidence-based care. This legislation is not a restatement of current “born-alive” law which contained language assuring no interference in a women's right to terminate a pregnancy. Instead, this bill takes that assurance away from women. This effort signifies the latest attempt by extreme Republicans to limit women's access to safe, legal abortions. I strongly oppose this legislation that politicizes women's health and interferes in the doctor-patient relationship.

Mr. Speaker, I stand with women across the United States to defend their access to comprehensive reproductive health options, and commend Planned Parenthood for leading in this effort.

SGT. ALVIN C. YORK—WWI  
AMERICAN SOLDIER

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 25, 2015*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Sergeant York is one of the most decorated American heroes of the 20th century. A Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, he is best remembered for his role in a battalion to capture German positions during an attack in 1918 in the Chatel-Chehery region of France on the war's Western Front. A German machine gun fire attack resulted in the loss of numerous Americans, leaving York in charge of the seven remaining soldiers. Leaving his men under cover, Sergeant York ventured out to silence the enemy fire.

As he describes in his diary:

Those machine guns were spitting fire and cutting down the undergrowth all around me something awful. There were over thirty of them in continuous action, and all I could do was touch the Germans off just as fast as I could. I was sharp shooting . . . All the time I kept yelling at them to come down. I didn't want to kill any more than I had to. But it was they or I. And I was giving them the best I had.

York's courageous assault resulted in 20 enemy casualties and 132 captures. The young soldier was immediately promoted and awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. Later, he was awarded the Medal of Honor. The citation describes his deeds as “fearless”, “daring” and “heroic”.

But while the description is fair, in many ways York's story is not just one of the battlefield and it is worth reflecting on York the man, not the myth.

A person of deep Christian faith, Sergeant York was converted—or as he put it “saved”—in his late teens by the Reverend M. H. Russell, known in Tennessee as the “evangelist of the mountains”.

While in his youth he admits to being inclined to sin, since joining the Church of Christ in Christian Union, York found more righteous pursuits, teaching children scripture and singing in the choir.

“I am a good deal like Paul,” York wrote in his diary. “The things I loved, I now hate.”

When, in 1917, the United States heard the call of its allies and joined the war effort, the

young churchgoer and singer received a note requiring him to report to his local board.

Despite rising to be a military hero, York was unsure whether the war was just, torn between the pacifism of his faith and patriotism for his country.

“I was bothered a plenty as to whether it was right or wrong,” he wrote. “I knew that if it was right, everything would be all right.”

“And I also knew that if it was wrong and we were only fighting for a bunch of foreigners, it would all be wrong. And I prayed and prayed. I prayed two whole days and a night out on the mountainside. And I received my assurance direct from God . . . that it was all right, and that I was coming back.”

Well Sergeant York did come back and the people of Tennessee should be very pleased.

Following the war, York returned to the region of his boyhood in the Wolf River valley of Tennessee and committed himself to public service. A national figure upon his return, he turned down offers for endorsements, public appearances and even the movie rights to his life, instead turning attention to the needs of his local community.

He lobbied the Tennessee State Legislature for funds for education and infrastructure and in 1926 established a school in Fentress County, which still stands today.

When asked how he wanted to be remembered, Sergeant York responded simply: “For improving education in Tennessee”.

We remember him for much more than that today—for his patriotic service of his nation and God.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING JANE JOHNSON

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 25, 2015*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of Jane Johnson a community organizer and mental health advocate, and one of my district's 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, on the Twenty-Second Day of September, of the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen, Jane Johnson was recognized as a 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, Jane Johnson has been working in the nonprofit field in Solana County for 30 years. Originally from San Mateo County, Jane was part of the team that moved Marine World Africa USA from Redwood City to Vallejo, CA in 1985. Her passion for educating children about our world's wildlife continues but has taken a bit of a back seat to providing services to at-risk children in Solano County.

Whereas, in 1989, Jane left Marine World to join the Girl Scouts. Under her tenure as CEO of the Girl Scout Council of Napa-Solano, the local organization was recognized nationally for its service to girls in underserved communities. Outreach programs focusing on self-esteem, empowerment, and job skills grew to include services in every low-income housing project in both Napa and Solano counties, juvenile hall sites in both counties, teen parenting programs, and a battered women's shelter.

Whereas, Jane currently provides leadership as the Executive Director to Solano County's

largest children's mental health service provider, Child Haven. She brings to the organization a solid business background, with a commitment to professionalism and a drive for excellence. Under her leadership, the agency has increased service contracts by 61%, diversified funding streams, and grown in cultural diversity, thus allowing local families greater access to mental health services. Collaboration and shared responsibility for our community is integral in Jane's management style. Jane is proud to have served on the leadership team bringing a Family Justice Center to Solano County, thus creating a single entrance to services for domestic violence victims, young and old.

*Resolved*, That I Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI of California's Third Congressional District, do hereby recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Jane Johnson.

#### TRIBUTE TO GEORGE MCGARGILL

#### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 25, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate George McGargill of Imogene, Iowa for being inducted into the "America's Old Time Country Music Hall of Fame." The Hall of Fame is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year and was established as part of the Pioneer Music Museum in Anita, Iowa.

George has performed country music for the past 30 years. He has written over 50 songs and has produced 4 CDs. George joins a host of other performers, including Patti Page, Johnny Cash, June Carter Cash, the Everly Brothers, Hank Williams, Sr., and the Carter Family as inductees into America's Old Time Country Music Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, I commend and congratulate George for his many years of providing and performing country music locally and throughout the State of Iowa. I am proud to represent him in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating George and wishing him nothing but the best moving forward.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE ROCK CREEK NATIONAL PARK ACT

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 25, 2015*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, September 27, 2015 marks the 125th anniversary of Rock Creek Park, and to celebrate, today, I introduce a bill to redesignate the National Park Service-owned Rock Creek Park, in the District of Columbia, as "Rock Creek National Park." Renaming this park will highlight its significance to the nation, including visitors to the nation's capital, and encourage more daily use and involvement with the park's beautiful trails, waterways and features by residents of the District of Columbia.

Rock Creek Park is a historically rich park, established by Congress in 1890 "for the ben-

efit and enjoyment of the people of the United States," and is the oldest urban park and the third federal park ever created, after Yellowstone and Sequoia. Rock Creek Park was designed to preserve animals, timber, forestry, and other interests in the park, and to ensure that its natural state is maintained as much as possible.

Over time, several structures have been established or donated to further preserve Rock Creek Park. In 1892, for example, the federal government acquired Peirce Mill in Rock Creek Park, one of the mills used by local farmers during the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. In 1950, the Old Stone House, located at 3051 M Street NW, with its great pre-Revolutionary War architectural merit, was acquired. The building was restored, and programs explain the house's rich history from the colonial period to the present day. The Fort Circle Parks were also acquired to interpret and preserve the Civil War Defenses of Washington, which created a ring of protection for the nation's capital during the Civil War.

Today, Rock Creek Park offers District of Columbia, Maryland, and Northern Virginia residents an escape from urban living. Residents and tourists alike also enjoy many activities in the park's 2,000 acres, including hiking and bike riding on the historical trails, horseback riding, picnicking, tennis, and other recreational activities in some of the open fields. Moreover, residents are involved in the clean-up and maintenance of the trails and waterways. The Rock Creek Conservancy works directly with the National Park Service and is dedicated to protecting and promoting the entirety of the Rock Creek watershed through conservation, recreation, and education programs.

Redesignating Rock Creek Park as Rock Creek National Park will help the National Park Service, the Rock Creek Conservancy, area residents, and visitors to recognize the national status of the park and protect and revitalize this remarkable resource in our nation's capital. It is fitting that we recognize the historical significance of Rock Creek Park on its 125th birthday by using the occasion to rename it Rock Creek National Park.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

#### HONORING KEN FIEBELMAN

#### HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 25, 2015*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Ken Fiebelman for his exemplary work with the Dent County Historical Society and service as a member of the Missouri State House of Representatives. On Sunday September 27, Mr. Fiebelman will be honored with a lifetime achievement award for his time at the Dent County Historical Society.

Mr. Fiebelman served as the Dent County Genealogist and Historian for nearly half a century. He also served for six terms as a member of the Missouri State House of Representatives where, among his many notable accomplishments, he led the effort to designate the fiddle as Missouri's state musical instrument. During his time as a state representative, Ken succeeded in establishing Highway

19 as a scenic highway and securing the construction of Highway 72.

Ken is the epitome of a community leader and historian and it is my pleasure to recognize him for his accomplishments before the United States House of Representatives.

#### TRIBUTE TO GERALD AND NADINE PECK

#### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 25, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Gerald and Nadine Peck of Avoca, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. Gerald and Nadine were married in 1950.

Gerald and Nadine's lifelong commitment to each other, their children and grandchildren truly embodies our Iowa values. I commend this devoted couple on their 65th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion. I wish them and their family nothing but the best moving forward.

#### LIFE OF WILLIAM C. WAGGONER

#### HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 25, 2015*

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of William C. Waggoner.

William C. Waggoner is the first Vice President of the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE). He served as the Western States Director and Business Manager for Local 12. Organized labor in the state of California has benefited from Mr. Waggoner's leadership and influence.

The International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) was founded in 1896. IUOE today has approximately 400,000 members in 123 local unions throughout the United States and Canada.

IUOE is the 10th largest union in the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations.

In 1970, Mr. Waggoner was elected to serve as President of Local 12. From 1976–2012, Mr. Waggoner served as the Business Manager of his chapter. As a District Representative, he was able to advocate on behalf of members.

Members of Local 12 recall Mr. Waggoner's influence on the union movement with gratitude and admiration.

Mr. Waggoner dedicated his life to advancing the principles of organized labor. Under his leadership Local 12 developed a nationally recognized apprenticeship training program.

Mr. Waggoner established a legacy in the realm of organized labor.

His commitment to protecting the rights, wages, and benefits of working people has bettered the lives of working men and women.